

FEAFFA weekly activity update Oct 29th – November 2nd 2012

1. Collect data for the policy papers on self regulation and mutual recognition of customs agents licenses

Data collection for the two studies above continued in Dar es Salaam Tanzania on 29th and 30th October 2012. The consultants met with clearing agents affiliated to TAFFA in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Ports Authority and Tanzania Revenue Authority. This was the last data collection trip although the consultants thought the EAC secretariat should have been visited too. The consultants' draft reports are expected in a short while to pave way for the validation of the studies.

2. Hold a three days CIC meeting to validate the EACFFPC training materials.

The long awaited validation of the EACFFPC training materials finally took place from Oct 31st to Nov 2nd in Mombasa. The meeting brought together representatives from National associations, Revenue Authorities and the EAC Directorate of Customs. The meeting validated the revised training materials, affirmed the December 2012 deadline for the Certificate of Competence, the dates for the TOT seminars and made input into the sustainability strategy. The meeting was supported by TradeMark East Africa.

3. Participate in a stakeholder meeting on the National single window

FEAFFA participated in a one day meeting with Crimson Logic the consultants that have been hired by the Kenyan Government to install the national electronic single window. The stakeholder meeting targeting the clearing and forwarding agents took place at KIFWA – Nairobi offices in ICD EMBAKASI. Two FEAFFA staff attended the meeting. According to Crimson Logic, the prototype of the National single window will be ready in three months time.